

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH



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## SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m.  
Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and  
7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.  
All are welcome.

## PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting  
Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
For more information please call Sheila at 519-  
658-9414.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima School	519-658-4041
St. Elizabeth School	519-651-0400
St Gabriel School	519-658-2008
St. Benedict Secondary School	519-621-4050

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)  
Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by  
completing a form located at the parish entrances.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or  
by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to begin the process  
of preparing your child and family for this  
Sacrament.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office before setting a date  
of marriage in order to begin preparations.

## PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office and Father David and  
Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 8	7:00 PM	+ Joey Woods and Helen Campbell + Mary and Jim Haney + Spiros Colis Intentions of Chris O'Neill Intentions of the CWL Executive	The Woods Family The Haney Family The Colis family Barg Hagey Jennifer and Bob Wilson
Wednesday, April 9	8:00 AM	+ Gilbert Howe	Anna Altomare
Thursday, April 10	8:00 AM	+ Ed Teixeira	Chris O'Neill
Friday, April 11	8:00 AM	+ Souls in Purgatory	Maria Pock
Saturday, April 12	5:00 PM	+ Mary and Art Wurr + Noreen Bourgeois + Irena Schrupp	Gerard Schmidt Donna Baglole Julianne Lehmann
Sunday, April 13	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

#### MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral  
Basilica of Christ the King.

#### HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

**Mass at 7 p.m.**

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

*The church will remain open until 10 p.m. for prayer.*

#### GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence  
from meat.*

#### HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter foods

8:30 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

(no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions on this day)

#### EASTER SUNDAY – April 20

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**MASS OF CHRISM:** Each year during Holy Week the priests of the Diocese gather to celebrate the Mass of Chrism. At this Mass, Bishop Crosby will bless the oils that will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year and the priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination. This Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. All are welcome.

### LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays at 7:00 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

**SUNDAY VESPERS:** Sundays from 5-6pm in the church. Vespers is one of the five daily prayers all priests and nuns must pray as part of their vows. All are welcome.

#### CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 12: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.,  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, April 16: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.,

April 18 (Good Friday): 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Please note: No Confession on Holy Saturday*

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. During the Easter season, the names of your loved ones will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses. *Forms are available at the church entrances.*



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next month:

- *St. Elizabeth:* Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima:* Sun., May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- *St. Gabriel:* Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

See our parish website for details:

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/first-communion>

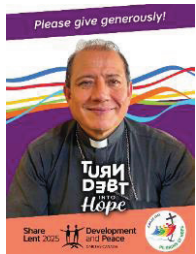
## PARISH OFFERINGS

**March 29/30, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes (136): \$3,794.00  
Loose Offerings \$440.85

***Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.***

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:** The collection this past weekend was \$1,467.15. Thank you to all for your generosity!



### **SOLIDARITY SUNDAY – APRIL 6** **This Lent, please give generously**

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). ***Thank you for your solidarity!*** Donation envelopes can be found in your offertory box or at the parish entrances.



**CWL MEETING:** The next monthly meeting is **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7 p.m. Snacks are always welcome!

**CWL LADIES RETREAT:** All ladies of the Parish are invited to our Ladies Day Retreat on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Former Soul Sister and now Spiritual Director, Rosetta Del Monte, will speak on "The Three Teresas". This is a special day as we also celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. The day will start with Mass at 10:00 a.m., followed by a presentation of CWL recognition pins, a catered brunch and then Rosetta's presentation. The cost is a "free will offering" which can be given on the day of the event. To secure your spot, the registration deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Chris at (519) 400-3657. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there!



**MEETING NOTICE:** Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Knights of Columbus Council 4916 welcomes all Brothers to our April Meeting on **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. Please come and join your Brother Knights.



**DONATIONS NEEDED:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a Thrift Store that has supported those in need for many years. This spring, our Thrift Store is in need of donations of gently used furniture, housewares (particularly microwave ovens & casserole dishes), and walkers. Our Thrift Store is located at 75 Dundas St. N. in the Canadian Tire Plaza in Galt. We are open from Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come in and say "hi" to our friendly staff, drop off your gently used donations, and browse through our SSVP Thrift Store for interesting finds.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** What we choose to allow into our children's lives will have lifetime implications for how those things will function in their lives as adults. What media do we allow them to engage with? What after school and weekend activities do we allow them to take part in and how much do we support their efforts? Is getting into the outdoors important to your family? Do we engage as a family in the faith by attending Mass, praying at meals and before bed, saying the Rosary and other prayers? What we bring into the lives of our children will be impacted as much by our engagement as theirs. Think about what you believe will matter to their physical, mental and spiritual health in the future and then bring those into your child's life. What we choose for them can help them choose well when they are making their own decisions. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988)

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL:** The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 24**. The theme of the Retreat is "Hope". The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, two short conferences, and a time for prayer and reflection. The retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend please register on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)

**MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER:** Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>** 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out, no reservations. First come - first served. Fresh cut fries & gravy, with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for @ \$8.00 dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. Dessert is extra. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead take-out orders are most welcome. For more information: (519) 648-2939.

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